

GOSSIP GOING AROUND
By "GENERAL CHATTER."

An Anxious Week.

but latest reports from Cham-
are brighter, and it is to be hoped
that the worst is now over. That the
enemy should have discovered the
weak spot in the Allied line has been
much commented on, but surely it
was to be expected. One could hardly
expect the Germans to attack where
they knew their foes to be strongest.

North Country Morcos.
It was certainly hard lines on those British troops who had fought so magnificently in the recent offensive and who had been sent down the line for a rest, that they should have been called upon to resist the new attack, but such are the fortunes of war. The sturdy men from the North, who

divisions engaged, never know when they are beaten and can always be relied upon to stand up manfully against overwhelming odds.

All members of the Royal Household of military age who have not been medically examined are to go before the usual medical boards. This is preliminary to a "clean cut" in the King's Household which will

make every man up to 30, of which category, and all men up to 35, if fit for the fighting line, available at once for military service.

ing advantage of American ship-
ing facilities the American Shipping
Board has instructed the shipbuild-
ing firms of the States to refuse all
foreign contracts for construction
after the war, at all events for a

Lady Randolph Churchill. Lady Randolph Churchill, mother of Mr. Winston Churchill, is to be married again, the bridegroom being Mr. Montagu Perch. The date of the wedding will be

wedding is not yet fixed, but soon, as Mr. Porch, who is leaving shortly to resume his duties in Nigeria. Lady Randolph was before her marriage to Lord Randolph Churchill in 1874.

Mr. Leonard Jerome, of New York, and famous for her beauty. Randolph died in 1895, and in 1900 his widow married Mr. George Wallis-West, born in 1874, from whom she obtained a divorce in 1913.

Going to Nigeria.
After her marriage with Mr. Mor-
tagu Porch Lady Randolph Churchill
will return with him to Nigeria,
where he has been in the political
department of the Nigerian Service.

for 13 years. A member of an old Somerset family Mr. Porch saw service in the Yeomanry in the South African war and was given Queen's medal with 3 clasps. He interrupted his Oxford career to go

to Africa, and after returning to
Magdalen and taking his M.A. he
explored the Sinaitic Peninsula
under Prof. Flinders Petrie in days
when that part of Asia was closed to
Europeans. Then he went to Nigeria,

where his work was to administer
of the great native areas under the
Governor-General. This important
work he is about to take up again.

War Wedding Romance.
The wedding has just taken place under somewhat romantic circumstances, of Lt. Hy. Roberts, only son of Mr. J. H. Roberts.

surviving son of Sir Jas. Robert Bart., until recently the proprietor of the huge Saltaire Bradford. The bride is Miss Partington, a Cheshire lady, who was a nurse at the military hospital in London where the bridegroom

had been a patient suffering from a shrapnel wound in the leg. A friendship sprang up between the two and culminated in marriage. The father of Lt. Roberts, who is reputed to be immensely wealthy, has lost several

Sons by death, one in tragic circumstances. The last son to die, though under 30, left a fortune amounting to £100,000.

Schoolboys and Harvest Work.

Sir Auckland Geddes's appeal

schoolboys to volunteer for harvest work during the summer holidays meeting with a very satisfactory response. Last year, though the scheme was hurriedly organised and the weather bad, about 4,000 boys volunteered. This year help will

even more urgently needed, as large additional areas have been cultivated and the fresh requirements of the Army have left fewer hands to do work. Some idea of the extent of requirements of farmers may

The Honours List.
The Birthday Honours list is to be published to-morrow (Monday).

will, I understand, be a, comparatively, short one. Small wonder, only a few now remain without some sort of title or decoration.

Fireman Marquis Dead.

The Marquis of Downshire, who

died this week was lord of 120 acres, with a rent-roll of £100,000 a year. He achieved notoriety as an amateur fireman, being captain of Wokingham F.B. The Marquis divorced his first wife in 1902, and married Miss Laversack, Lord

Downshire's second wife was the daughter of Mr. G. B. Foster, of Clewer Manor, who died last year.

Kitchener's Godmother.
The death occurred at Listowel, Co. Kerry, of Mrs. H. G. Clarke, godmother to the late Lord Kitchener.

mother of the late Lord Kitchener
Mrs. Cooke, who was 87, was a mem-
ber of the old and respected family
of the Elliots, who for 50 years were
the leaders of sport in co. Kerry. She
was widely known as a benefactress

Royal Academy Reforms.
The recent audience Sir Edward Poynter had of the King at Buckingham Palace has let loose a flood of talk about the position of the

Royal Academy. It would occasion no great surprise indeed if the R.A. should prove the first large national institution of civil life to be reconstructed, and certainly its ways and methods call for drastic change.

one who has visited Burlington House this year could fail to observe the need for reform.

GENERAL CHATTER

WAR PRISONERS
NEGOTIATIONS.

PROSPECTS OF A WIDE SCHEME

The British Government has entered into negotiations with the German Government with a view to arranging for the exchange of war prisoners on a wide basis, following, broadly speaking, the lines of the Franco-German agreement recently concluded. Lord Newton, head of the Prisoners of War Department of the Foreign Office, in making this announcement in the House of Lords, said that no time would be lost in carrying out the negotiations. As

After that, he added, the German Government had already suggested that the British Government should discuss matters of some difficulty which had arisen, and the British Government had taken advantage of the suggestion, on condition that this was not to be a subject on which there was amongst the subjects to be discussed. It was no good now, Lord Newton said, to discuss what the negotiations should take place, but to discuss the subject with the German representatives, which should be chosen by the War Cabinet.

Lord Curzon's Warning.

Lord Curzon, however, pointed out a few of the complex difficulties of the whole question, not to be disappeared if there was not an immediate great rush of prisoners in exchange for British prisoners.

Common sense with reference to negotiations that these would be concerned with civilians as well as with military prisoners. According to the British Government, the Government is now awaiting an assurance that the bases proposed have been accepted by the Germans. No further has been settled pending this assurance.

British delegates will again be Lord Newton and Gen. Belfield, and that the conference will be, as before, at the Hague. The exchange message, however, declares that the British delegates will again be Lord Newton and Gen. Belfield, and that the conference will be, as before, at the Hague.

He then declared the message to be a flagrant breaking their promise that prisoners should not be placed nearer than 8 miles from the fighting zone. According to statements made by the British Government, the British had captured, they and other prisoners were placed within 2 miles of the front advanced trenches. In reply to

...the number of German prisoners of war in this country as 65,000, of whom 10,000 were employed in agriculture and other work of national importance. A further 10,000 were ear-

Behind the Lines.—Mr. F. Whyte asked Mr. Macpherson if he knew that there was widespread dissatisfaction owing to the fact that men recently taken prisoners were being employed directly behind the German lines?—Major-General G. G. Macpherson: The Germans are no longer doing anything but retaliation—Mr. Macpherson: I have no doubt our representatives will make the strongest possible protests.—Mr. G. G. Macpherson: The conference is likely to last for weeks; is this to go on all day?

hope of the conference include these prisoners behind the line?—Mr. Macdonald: Yes.—Sir Edwd. Carson: Can we not lay down a general rule at whatever treatment is meted out to our prisoners will be meted out to German prisoners here?—No answer has been given. Mr. Hope stated that the possibility of extending the exchange to Turkey and Bulgaria will be considered by the Government.

OVERSEA PRISONERS MUST BE TREATED LIKE BRITISH.
At the 49th annual meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute at the Caxton Hotel, Col. Sir Hamar Greenwood, Bart., M.P., referring to the prisoners of war question, insisted that Dominion and Colonial prisoners now in enemy hands must not be forgotten and that should be treated on the same basis as if they were English. He expressed the view that the Government had hitherto failed to appreciate

depth and strength of the feeling throughout the Empire on this question, and now that France has actually completed arrangements for change on a large scale, further delay was intolerable. The Empire could be shocked at the thought that a single British subject should be compelled to endure the horrors of a German prison one unnecessary hour.

Downshire, who succeeded to the title 44 years ago when 3. He was a steam engineer, and had at one time a miniature railway on his estate on which he used frequently to drive himself. For a number of years he served in the ranks of Wokingham Fire Brigade, generally driving the engine, eventually becoming captain. In January of this year one of the women who was getting married was taken to church by the Marquis in the fire-engine. The new Marquis is the Earl of Hillsborough, at present

WOES OF BRIDE OF 60:
A bride well over 60 told her tale of woe to Westminster magistrate. She was married a few days before, and her story was that she had been followed about and abused by 4 grown-up daughters of the bridegroom, who had been kept in ignorance of the wedding. "They call me all sorts of names, and make me very nervous," said the aged bride. "and, being

12 MONTHS FOR A NURSE.
Beatrice Wilson, a nurse, was at the Old Bailey sentenced to 12 months in the first division for forging and uttering requests for the supply of morphia sulphate. It was stated that she had forged the names of a number of medical men, including one who distinguished practitioner. She

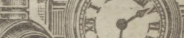
was assistant-matron at a hospital in Paris until she married an operative surgeon, who deserted her 2 years later. She had been addicted to drugs for the last 5 years, and committed the foregoing crime to obtain supplies for herself.

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foundations if inflamed and keeping the
throat open. Dose: 10 grains of calamine
and 10 gr—Have cooked fruit and prom-
ote the bowels. Also wheaten bread. A table-
spoonful of paraffin laid B.P. twice a day is non-
ing and safe. A F.—The management of a
diseased calf requires much care and atten-
tion to proper nursing. No prescription we
think you would be of use. J. L.—Avoid can-
cer or skin eruptions by washing some of
the body: Ung Hamamelidis (ice).

FINANCIAL.

as to investments and speculations or the
of the market, I am unable to advise. In the

35 (Great Shelford).—I do not think they would do what you suggest. The share is speculative, but the prospects of the undertaking are of recent developments, namely

ing. AB CD (Birmingham).—1. The ex-
would be a few pence only per share.
ndares may rise when the terms of the
you are not sure. 2. The only paper pub-
is published by the "Financial Times."
Koman, £50. 3. REDDISH (Lowmoss, 10,
Koman, 10, no longer in the market.
7 was acquired by the Abercrombie Com-
in September, 1916, and shareholders in
October 1916, and the shares were
are. You ought to have had notice,
[Worthington].—Yes. ANXIOUS (Worthing-
and the shares are not in the market.
ankers. They will take charge of them.
COUNTRYMAN (Torquay).—1. How can I
the shares? 2. The shares are not in the
3. I would advise you to sell them. 4. No,
not advise a purchase of any rubber
at present. 5. REDDISH (Shirley).—No
comment. 6. REDDISH (Shirley).—No
rise I do not advise a purchase. 5 and 4,
speculative, and should be left alone.

are widely held, and they are not unreasonable regard to the attitude of labour. In circumstances you might do well to sell when favourable opportunity occurs and reinvest the proceeds, which would bring you in 5 per cent a annum on redemption at the end of

PAUNFOOT (Proctor).—I might
be taxed as earned income. O. G. B. B. (Brix-
No. 1) was liquidated several years ago.
(Admitted).—In my opinion it is quite safe.

CARDS.

DR. RATON.—27 in all. FALLING.—No
should be paid. A. F. MOSLEY.—Yes, a
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